

CLASSIFICATION OFFICE DECISION

Title of publication: random photos 675.jpg

Other known title(s): Not stated

OFLC ref: 1900635.007

Medium: Image File

Publisher: Not stated

Country of origin: Not stated

Language: Not applicable

Applicant: Commissioner of Police

Classification: Objectionable.

Descriptive note: None

Display conditions: None

Date of entry in Register: 11 March 2020

Date of direction to issue a label: No direction to issue a label has been issued

Date of notice of decision: 11 March 2020

Summary of reasons for decision:

The image file explicitly depicts a man performing a sexual act on a very young girl. It is deemed objectionable because it promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The image can only be for the purpose of sexually arousing those with a prurient interest in young girls. It presents young girls as available for adult sexual use. It has the effect of encouraging and legitimising this idea. As an image file it can be shared widely among like-minded individuals. The image may also be used for the purpose of grooming children for sexual exploitation. The Classification Office has considered the effects of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990 on the application of the classification criteria. The classification of this publication interferes with the right to freedom of expression, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications that promote and support the exploitation of children for sexual purposes be deemed objectionable.